

## Pro-choice group mourns slain doctor

BY THEODORE SCHMIDT  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU Students for Choice are holding a vigil for the slain doctor of an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Fla. tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Student Union Amphitheater.

There will be speakers and a gathering mourning the death of the doctor. Denelle Fedor and another representative of SJSU Students for Choice will be speaking on "the importance of preserving a safe and legal decision. It is always a woman's right to choose abortion, whether it is legal or not," Fedor said.

Dr. David Gunn, 47, worked six days a week performing abortions in both Pensacola and Georgia because most other doctors in the area would not perform them, according to news reports. Moving only with difficulty due to a fight with polio he won when he was a young boy, Gunn would drive over two-and-a-half hours on Saturdays to work at clinics in Georgia.

Gunn was shot several times after getting out of his car at the rear entrance of his newly opened clinic in

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## Small blast jostles Science Building

BY BILL ERB  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A small explosion erupted in the basement of the Science Building shortly after 11 a.m. Monday.

"It was bigger than an M-80 boom," custodian Leonard Hogue said. "I was waxing the floor about a foot from the door — I just dove out."

Hogue ran to get help from Dugen Nguyen, an electronic technician for the physics department.

"When we came in, we saw flames," Nguyen said. "We grabbed fire extinguishers; when the fire was out we called the police."

Nguyen said it "looked like an electrical fire; there was a burning rod of iron sticking up."

Both men said it took less than one minute to extinguish the fire.

Captain Terry Kerns of the San Jose Fire Department Hazardous Incidence Team (HIT-29) said the explosion originated in a tank of silicone oil that contained about 20 vials of ethanol.

According to Kerns, the tank was filled with the oil Dimethylpolysiloxane, which is "non-toxic and does not burn."

The oil was heated to about 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and used to warm vials of different ethanol-based compounds. Kerns said there is no evidence of any mishan-

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## Giving SJSU a spring cleaning

BY DINA MEDINA  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

With trash bags, shovels and brooms in hand, more than 85 SJSU students turned out Saturday morning to clean up their campus.

Participating in the Adopt Your Campus project sponsored by the Student Affairs Advisory Committee, the students picked up trash on campus, swept in front of buildings and cleaned out gutters along both Ninth Street and San Carlos Street.

The project was designed to unite students in the common goal of cleaning up the campus, according to Pallie Bain, a member of the advisory committee representing the Career Center Council and one of the organizers of the event.

"We accomplished what we wanted to accomplish," said Dan Felizzatto, the committee liaison to the Interfraternity Council, and a member of Phi Gamma Delta. "It makes the campus look more presentable. It's a good start."

Many of the students felt that it was a good way for different organizations to intermingle. According to Dan Dupre, the committee member representing graduate students, more than 15 student organizations were represented at the event.

Students were divided into seven groups and directed to different sections of campus to clean up. They were discouraged from staying with members of their same organizations.

"This event helps us get to know people with whom we don't normally hang out," said Cardia Richardson, the committee liaison to the African Step Show Council.

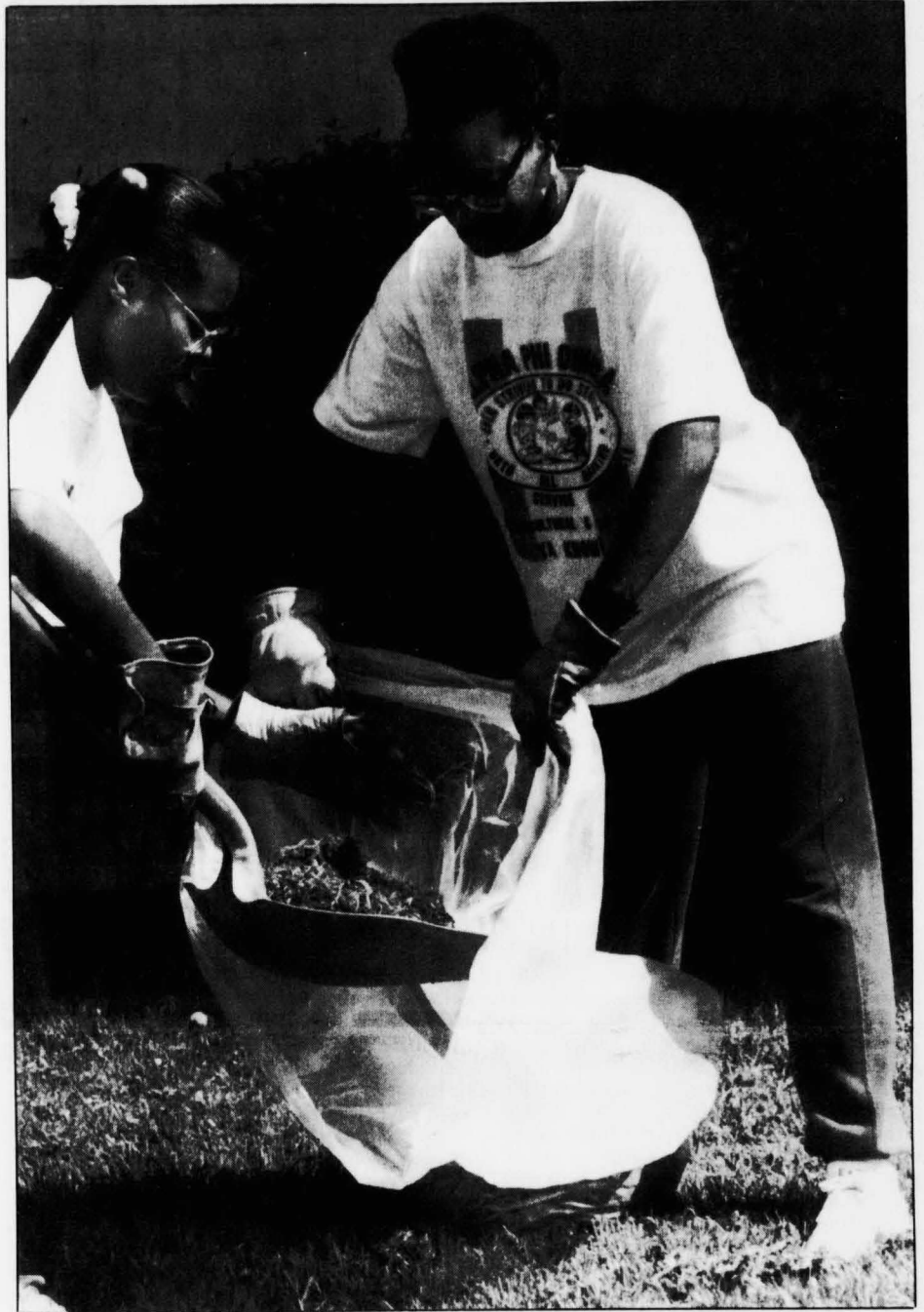
"More events like this would help those students who are not involved get involved," she said.

Project organizers also hope the event will increase student awareness on taking care of their campus.

"People need to be more thoughtful of their surroundings," said Bakari Holmes, a member of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. "This is something small we can do and it will have a positive impact on those who come here."

"This makes you think twice about throwing trash on the ground," said Avelino Pombo, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

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Tamu Gramby, left, lends her older sister Sheree a hand in picking up lawn clippings near the Admissions and Records Building on Fourth Street Saturday afternoon.

## SPIN editor anchors broadcast forum

BY JON SOLOMON  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Nearly 300 broadcast enthusiasts from throughout the west journeyed to SJSU last weekend for the Fifth Annual Western Regional National Association of College Broadcasters Conference.

A host of radio, film and TV specialists presented two days of seminars on such topics as multiculturalism in the media, gays and lesbians in the media, the future of alternative rock, motivating the masses and a slew of other topics.

Bob Guccione Jr., editor and publisher of

SPIN magazine was the keynote speaker Friday in the Student Union Ballroom. He is a staunch supporter of civil rights and the First Amendment and an active supporter of NACB, said Pete Nyberg, conference coordinator.

The main thrust of Guccione's speech was the importance of journalism. "I have a central belief that, forgive the corniness, journalism is sacred," he said.

"There aren't many people willing to try to make a difference," he said. "Pursuing the truth is very exciting, very stimulating — it's incredibly important. I've never seen anyone suffer from actually doing it. It's tough."

Before Guccione started the magazine he said he developed a sense of purpose. His one central focus was that he wanted to communicate. At 29 he gave up writing to start the magazine, but he kept the central purpose of the idea of communication, he said.

That communication can sometimes be obstructed by censorship.

"It always happens, it never goes away," he said, referring to censorship. "It's like malaria, it never dies down. Censorship is like intellectual herpes."

Many members of the media don't want to take the chance of publishing something too controversial for fear of losing their audience, he said.

"The media today suffers from a mass cowardice," he said. "I say that you give people a choice and talk up to them, not down to them."

After three years of publication, the mag-

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## Moslem student fosters religious understanding

BY PAUL WOTEL  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

When Osama Abukhdair came to the United States, he could not believe people were eating from garbage cans.

In a country that seemed so rich, the Palestinian man pondered how homelessness and poverty could exist. To sympathize with the plight of the starving people of the world, Abukhdair endures a month-long period of fasting.

In the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, Muslims abstain from consuming food and water as well as refrain from sexual activity from sunrise to sunset. This month, known as Ramadan, is "a month of charity,

of feeling and of giving," Abukhdair said.

"If you have never been hungry then you will never think about hungry people," Abukhdair said with concern. "In hunger, there is no discrimination."

The Muslim Student Association invites non-Muslim students to fast Wednesday to appreciate the significance of the Islamic tradition. At 5:30 p.m. in the Engineering Auditorium, the participants will break fast together and enjoy traditional foods provided by the Muslim community.

Hamzah Yusuf, an American Muslim, will answer questions about Islam and the importance

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## Ethics of DNA decoding discussed

BY TRUONG PHUOC KHANH  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Poor attendance at a panel discussion on Friday certainly couldn't be blamed on the relevance of the potentially revolutionary topic on hand: the Human Genome Project, an international undertaking by biologists to map the sequence of human DNA.

"The issue is probably more controversial than we think," said sociology professor Azmy

Ibrahim before introducing the panel consisting of two sociologists, a genetic counselor and an attorney.

Approximately a dozen people attended the discussion.

The panelists were on campus to discuss the social and ethical issues generated by technological advancements in genetic research.

"People talk about this as the master blueprint for who we are,"

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Bob Guccione Jr., the editor and publisher of SPIN magazine, signs Byron Ritter's datebook at a reception held at Yanks in San Pedro Square. Guccione was the keynote speaker at the National Association of College Broadcasters convention held at SJSU.



## EDITORIAL

Battle against gangs  
overtaking city has begun

San Jose making the right move in trying to take the streets back to safety.

A sword is drawn; the first move made; the battle has now begun.

Superior Court Judge Robert Foley upheld an injunction that targets 38 suspected Sureño gang members from meeting, drinking, wielding weapons, fighting, trespassing, playing loud music or otherwise harassing people who live in the Rocksprings neighborhood in central San Jose, according to news reports.

Along with increased patrols and a higher profile from the police, this injunction will alleviate some of the gang problems in San Jose, and there is a gang problem in San Jose.

This injunction issued a preliminary juncture and temporary restraining orders for some of the Sureño members.

Operation Ownership help is directed toward disbursement of gangs. San Jose's City Attorney Joan R. Gallo said the purpose of the injunction is to "protect the neighborhood that was held hostage."

The only way to rid San Jose of these disturbing gangs is to start with

disbursement. It is high time for the people of San Jose to take a stand and start protecting their own rights. Crime statistics are so high that, without any form of action by the city, the gangs are sure to become only stronger.

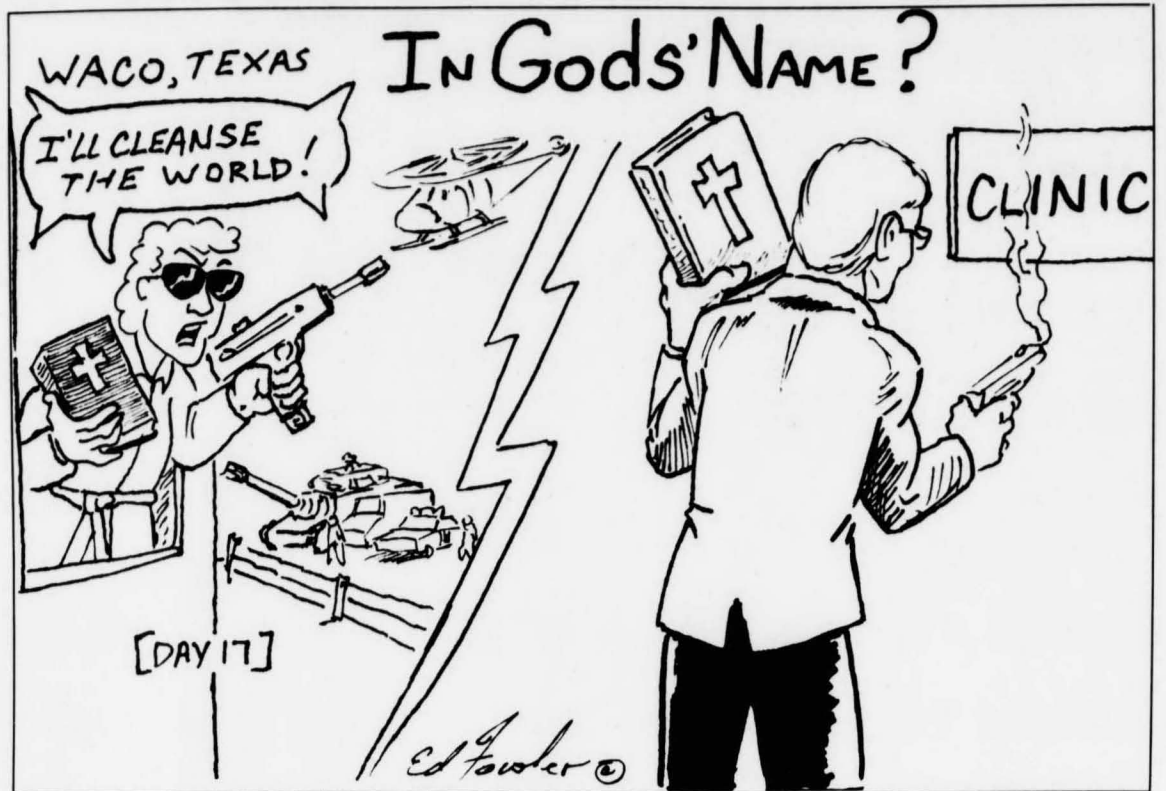
"Looking at other places as well, this was the place to start," said City Attorney Gallo. The SJPd has a whole separate department dealing with gangs. If that is not enough evidence, then just drive down to Rocksprings in central San Jose.

The decline of society is at hand and action is needed to be taken. This injunction is a start.

Based on the precedents of Burbank and Los Angeles, this injunction will surely help to rid the city of the troublesome gang problem, but public support plays an important role in the success of the injunction.

"There are many factors involved in a gang taking over a neighborhood," Gallo said. If the public is intent on protecting themselves and refuses to be "held hostage" then it will be far from easy for gangs to take over the neighborhood.

San Jose has come to an impasse and the only course of action is this injunction. Live, let live and protect and serve; with these things in mind gangs will go the way of the past.



ED FOWLER — SPARTAN DAILY

## Mistake to stereotype Griffin as a pro-lifer

Dr. David Gunn was shot three times in the back last week as he left his Pensacola, Fla., abortion clinic by 31-year-old Michael Griffin. Do not call Griffin "pro-life," because he is not.

This man should be held fully accountable for his actions and prosecuted under the law. He should not be included in the group of people in the country who are opposed to abortion.

As much as I may disagree with the concept and use of abortion as a birth control method, it is at this time fully legal.

As hesitant as I may be to picket and protest any cause, it is legal to do so if I feel strongly enough about an issue.

It is not legal to murder someone, and so Michael Griffin should be held accountable for his actions.

Planned Parenthood spokesmen in New York and San Francisco are calling for

restraints to be put upon those who protest abortions. They are grouping all people who protest abortions as part of "a growing extremism in the anti-abortion movement," according to the Associated Press.

I question the motives of such people. To group and stereotype all of those who oppose abortion as extremist is a perfect example of closed-minded liberalism.

There also seems to be a double standard as to when it is OK for an issue to be protested, as if it is not liberal enough, the right to protest should be taken away.

There are people who throw fake blood on people wearing fur coats to show that they don't agree with the use of fur. These are extremist actions; however, we don't classify all of those who oppose the use of fur with those few foolish people who ruin others' personal property.

The pro-choice movement

seems to mean that the only choice possible is the choice for abortion. This assumption can verify itself when one tells a person who claims to be pro-choice that hopes are that the choice will be for life.

A large part of the problem, and the issue here, is that many people see abortion as a major tragedy.

If you have ever seen an ultrasound of an unborn child, the feelings that guide the anti-abortion movement should be clear. Anyone with any amount of humanity must argue that the tissue inside a womb looks hauntingly similar to a "live" person.

And there are cases where people who have been aborted have survived. With one and a half million abortions performed (or provided, as Channel 2 likes to put it) per year in the United States, that could be a stunning amount of voters.

Aside from the basic arguments about when life begins, it is hard to argue about an



Matt Smith

## Get It Right

issue that people have already made up their minds.

It is fair enough though, to ask that this man, Michael Griffin, be treated on an individual basis instead of as part of a group. His actions should be condoned by no one.

Matt Smith is a Daily staff columnist. His column appears every Tuesday.

## Letters to the editor

## Please, no more propaganda

Editor,  
When I opened Friday's Spartan Daily, I was shocked to find an entire section of anti-choice propaganda in the same week that one of these fanatics murdered a doctor for performing abortions.

While I do not blame anti-choice groups for the doctor's murder, I do blame them for disseminating such misleading information.

The ad's list of abortion's "possible effects on your body" included death. Yes, death is possible, but only about seven women die per year in the U.S. as a result of a legal abortion. It also listed the possibilities of infertility and premature births.

A study of 5,003 pregnancy records showed that women who had one previous abortion had no higher rates for prematurity. Another study

of 3,100 women followed for three-and-a-half-years found that pregnancy rates for women who began the study after abortion were no lower than pregnancy rates for women who began after full-term pregnancy.

There was not a significant difference in the number of abortions performed after the passage of Roe v Wade in 1973, but there was a dramatic decrease in the number of women being maimed and killed by abortions.

If you're against abortion, don't have one. But don't try to tell me what I can and cannot do with my body.

Holly Celeste Fisk  
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## Censor incoming ideas so no one is offended

Question: How did the woman cross the road?

Answer: Who cares! Who the hell let her out of the house with her shoes off anyway?!!

My original goal of my previous column (The weaker sex once again tries to dominate) was to prompt people to think about the extreme chauvinist point of view. And if this point of view so angered the reader then I hoped that the reader would act on the emotion and do something about it. Whether the bothered readers mobilized the feminists on campus or just made resolutions in their own minds, at least the column would have had an effect.

Anger is one of the strongest emotions and if someone will not act on an emotion so strong as anger then the person will never act. The world will just trample all over this person and what transpires will transpire because the individual let it happen.

Maybe what I really desired was to see just how uptight our readership is and whether the

public could actually handle a sarcastic column about inferiority of women. Only writing the column would give the answer. So I did it; I wrote the column!

Since the publication of my column I have received many letters, criticisms and even some threats.

Upon reviewing these letters and discussing my article with a mass communications class, I have come to the conclusion that it was completely wrong for me to print that column.

I mean, who did I think I was to print such material that would actually anger the public and propose such a one-sided view?

Maybe I should have provided angles from both views or maybe I should have placed a disclaimer at the beginning warning the readers that reading the column could cause

severe physical unrest and emotional distress.

Surely, at least, I could have stated that the column did not necessarily reflect my own personal view.

Although I do not feel the blame should rest entirely on me, I feel a lack of stringent control of the media is partly to blame. In order to protect against such one-sided, offensive columns, I feel we should strengthen our censorship laws and possibly start a committee to remove all offensive views that anger the public.

The committee for Gender Or Racial Equality could protect the public and keep the reader free of such unsettling views. G.O.R.E. would view and censor all articles and opinions that paper received, thus weeding out all of the morally or socially offensive material and printing only

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Theodore Schmidt

## Writer's Forum

what G.O.R.E. feels is suitable for print.

I believe with such a committee as G.O.R.E. to censor all incoming ideas, people can further isolate themselves within glass houses and pretend that everything is just "hunky-dory" in the fantasy world of make-believe.

It is time for the people to stand back, look at themselves and stop taking themselves so seriously.

Maybe your first thought is not wrong and maybe what appears too outrageous to believe is just that: outrageous.

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## TODAY

**AIESEC:** General meeting, 6p.m., Sweeney Hall Room 238, call 924-3453.

**ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY:** Blood Drive, 10a.m.-4p.m., SU Loma Prieta Room, call 971-8652.

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS PROGRAM BOARD:** Noontime concert featuring "Corduroy," 12p.m., SU Amphitheatre, call R.A.T. Line at 924-6261.

**CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT:** Summer job hunting techniques, 12:30p.m., SU Guadalupe Room; CALTRANS-employer presentation, 12:30-2p.m., SU Costanoan Room; Co-op orientation, 2p.m., SU Almaden Room; Aviation Career Seminar, 4:30p.m., SU Umunhum Room, call 924-6033.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Daily Lent Mass, 12:10-12:30p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel, call Judy at 298-0204.

**CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT:** Seminar, Pro. Spector, USF, 4:30-5:30p.m., Duncan Hall 135, call Dr. Okada at 924-2525, or the Chemistry Department at 924-5000.

**COMPUTER CENTER:** Retirement party for Bev Garland, 3:30-5:30, Cafe de Roma, Colonnade Plaza, call Marge at 924-2324.

**LAMBDA SIGMA GAMMA:** Candy Lei Sale, 9a.m.-3p.m. In front of SU; Sorority meeting, 5:30p.m., DMH 208.

**MARKETING CLUB:** Gallo Winery, 4:30p.m., SU Costanoan Room, call Brian at 243-3497.

**MIS CLUB:** General Meeting — Ruth Short of Intel, 4:30p.m. BC 15, call Kathy at 298-7270.

**PHI GAMMA DELTA & STANFORD MEDICAL SCHOOL BLOOD CENTER:** Blood Drive, 8:45a.m.-4:30p.m., SU Loma Prieta Room, Russell at 924-8201 or 923-3454.

**PRE-DENTAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** Meeting, 1:30-2:20p.m., Duncan Hall Room 345, Marlene 377-1421.

**RE-ENTRY PROGRAM:** Support Group, 12:30p.m.-2p.m., Admin. Bldg. Group Room, call K. Burnett at 924-5930.

**SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN:** Student Galleries Art Shows, Art Building and Industrial Studies; Receptions today, 6-8p.m., call Marla at 924-4330; Lecture, "Introduction to Chicano Art," 5p.m.-6p.m., Art Building 133, call Andy at 924-4328.

**SIGMA CHI DERBY DAYS:** The Derby Chase, 12p.m., fountain lawn; Derby Olympics, 8p.m., Sigma Chi, call Ki at 924-6226.

**SOUTH BAY SILICON GRAPHICS USERS GROUP:** User Group Meeting-SGI Video, 6-8p.m., SJSU Engineering Auditorium, call Don at 924-2334.

**STRIVING BLACK BROTHERS AND SISTERS:** Regular meeting, 6p.m., WLC, EOP Tutorial Center, call Tirrel at 292-1101.

**STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE & THE JUDY DAVIS MARROW PROGRAM:** Bone marrow donor program blood testing for African and Asian Americans, 9a.m.-2p.m., SU, call Oscar at 924-6117.

**STUDENT SOCIETY FOR TECHNICAL ETHICS:** Workplace Communications, 7p.m., SU-Guadalupe Room, call Madhu at 510-657-7745.

**TAU DELTA PHI:** Forum on Yugoslavia, 3:30p.m., SU Almaden Rm.

## WEDNESDAY

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Weekly meeting, 12-12:50p.m., Admin. Bldg. 269, call Carol at (510)483-2084.

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ELECTION BOARD:** A.S. General Election, 9a.m.-8p.m., SU Clark Library, SPX Central, call Manuel or Gary at 924-5950.

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS PROGRAM BOARD:** Noontime concert featuring "The Meices," 12p.m., SU Amphitheatre; Wednesday Night Cinema "Sonic Youth in 1991: The Year Punk Broke," 6p.m.-9p.m., SU Ballroom, call R.A.T. line at 924-6261.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Daily Lent Mass, 12:10p.m.-12:30p.m., Campus Ministry Chapel; Exploring the Catholic Faith, 7-8:30p.m., Campus Ministry Center, call Judy at 298-0204.

**COUNSELING SERVICES:** Academic Advising, 4-5p.m., Admin. Bldg. Room 201, 5p.m.-6:45p.m., Admin. Bldg. Lobby, call 924-5910.

**DISABLED STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** Weekly meeting, 12p.m., SU Montalvo Room, call 924-6000.

**FANTASY AND STRATEGY CLUB:** Officer Elections and Board-gaming, 5p.m., SU-Costanoan Room, call Dan at 924-7097.

**HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT CLUB:** Taco Bell Expo, 12p.m., SU Guadalupe Room, call Genet at 924-3197.

**JEWISH AWARENESS MONTH:** Video and pictures from Israel, 10a.m.-1p.m., SU Costanoan Room, call Anna at 378-3037 or 379-6056.

**LAMBDA SIGMA GAMMA:** Candy Lei Sale, 9a.m.-3p.m. Front of SU.

**METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENT:** Meteorology Seminar Series, A Global Model, 4-5p.m., Duncan Hall 615, call Del at 924-5200.

**MU ALPHA GAMMA:** Student Magazine Assoc. meeting, 12p.m., DBH 213, call 280-6734.

**MUSLIMS STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** Ramadan and Fasting, 5:30p.m., Engineering Auditorium room 189, call Osama at 241-0850.

**RECREATION AND LEISURE 97:** St. Patrick's Day fun and games, 12p.m.-1p.m., Art Quod.

**RE-ENTRY ADVISORY PROGRAM:** Brown Bag Lunches — Networking, 12-1:30p.m., SU Pacheco Room, call Virginia or Kathie at 924-5930.

**S.A.F.E.R.:** Slide Show on Calif. forests, 1p.m., SU Almaden Room, call Bob at 280-9310 or page at 280-9309; Club meeting, 5p.m., WSQ 115, call 924-5468.

**SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN:** Student Galleries Art Shows, Art Building and Industrial Studies; call Marla at 924-4330.

**SIGMA CHI DERBY DAYS:** Field Events with Children's Shelter, 12p.m., Quirk's Meadow; Marthe Francois Girband Fashion Show Tryouts, 4:30p.m.-6p.m., SU Umunhum Room, call Ki at 924-6226.

**SJSU THEATRE:** Red Noses, 1p.m., University Theatre, call Debra at 924-4555.

## Clean up

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One participant felt it would be better if the event were held on a weekday so more students would see what was happening and participate themselves.

The students who were cleaning up did agree that the Adopt Your Campus project would help if done more often. Some students felt it would be best to do it at least twice a semester; others said it would be best if done more often.

"There was enough interest," Bain said. "I heard people talking about doing it once a month."

"We will discuss the possibilities of doing the event again at our next meeting," she said.

For many participants this event gave students the opportunity to take matters into their own hands and show that they care for the campus.

"As students we have to do our part," said Yvette Byrd, a member of Alpha Phi Omega.

"This sends a message to the administration that students are not as laid back as they thought," said Ephraim Turner, a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

"This shows the faculty and staff that students do care about the campus," he said.

According to Jerry Brody, the interim vice president of student affairs and the committee's faculty adviser, the administration is supportive of the initiative the students expressed. "The administration is pleased to see that students are spending a



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Sheree Gramby shovels up grass clippings Saturday afternoon to help clean up the San Jose State University campus.

Saturday morning to come out and make a difference," he said.

"We are in a fiscal situation where our resources are stretched, and the students are taking up the slack," he said.

According to Bain, the advisory committee worked closely with the four unions working on campus to ensure that grounds workers did not lose their jobs because of student efforts.

"They have been very supportive," she said. "They outlined what should and shouldn't be done on campus, and they decided what areas of campus needed the most attention."

The committee originally envisioned the project on a larger scale where students would do painting and gardening; however, there was too much liability and instruction involved, Bain said.

## Genome

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said panelist Diane Beeson, a CSU Hayward sociology professor. "It's alarming to sociologists because we don't tend to reduce human diversity to such tiny little particles."

Beeson said she has read articles which claimed divorce, unemployment, homelessness, and propensity for rape are possibly linked to genetics. She hopes further genuine scientific findings will dispel society's tendency to simplify social issues.

The good news, Beeson said, is 3 to 5 percent of the federal grant, estimated to be \$30 billion, will be spent on understanding the social, ethical and legal implications of genetic research.

"This is an inadequate amount," Beeson said, "but it represents a marvelous opportunity for sociologists to be part of the conversation that will include attorneys, historians and ethicists."

"Everybody is ready to embrace genetic explanations very enthusiastically," Beeson said. But it doesn't make a lot of sense to her, she said, to think we can solve human problems through genetics, "when we don't even have adequate health care."

Jon Weil, director of the Genetic Counseling Program at UC Berkeley, said it is a precedent that any scientific undertaking has set aside money for legal, social and ethical research.

"As ethical issues become more difficult," Weil said, "and as genetic information is used or misused, genetic counseling may act as mediator."

Genetic counselors mediate in two ways, according to Weil: between the disease and the client, and between the client and the medical genetics establishment.

"The premise and major component of genetic counseling," he said, "is to recognize and address the emotional impact on people who are making heartbreaking decisions, such as abortion."

One great concern about the Human Genome Project for attorney Vicki Laten is it will increase the amount of genetic information available, for beneficial use and misuse, which may lead to discrimination.

"My concern is the expansion of information will magnify differences among individuals," Laten said, "rather than recognize we all have genetic variations."

Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed a bill, passed by California legislature, which would have protected genetic information, Laten said.

She is currently working to introduce a confidentiality statute, so that genetic information is insulated and treated similarly to HIV (human immunode-

ficiency virus) information.

"It will forbid employers from using insurance as a subterfuge for discrimination," Laten said.

Author and sociologist Troy Duster from the Institute for Study of Social Problems was the last panelist to speak.

"The Human Genome Project flies under the banner of medical cures, that it's going to make it all better for us in the next decades," he said. "However, on the road there are some bumps."

For example, there are diseases we can already detect but can neither treat nor cure, he said.

"All we have now, if we can't treat or cure, is to prevent."

Duster said there are real, important and consequential advantages in detection. He used lung disorder as an example. If a person knows he is susceptible to it, he can choose not to smoke; not to be in a polluted environment.

"But you can see how this becomes the way we see the problem," Duster said. "The responsibility is laid on them to respond to their illness."

Duster explained two camps of scientific explanation: reductionism and emergence. The reductionist model gets down to the smallest factor, a single gene, to explain an illness, while the emergence model proposes that genes come together and produce a new genetic expression, perhaps a dis-

order.

"There is danger of a slippery slope towards genetic essentialism," Duster said. "Few genetic disorders can be explained by a single gene."

Duster quoted from a fellow sociologist who said sociologists take private trouble and turn into a public, social issue.

"The Human Genome Project may do the opposite," Duster said. "Its danger is it may take a social, public issue and convert into a private individual problem."

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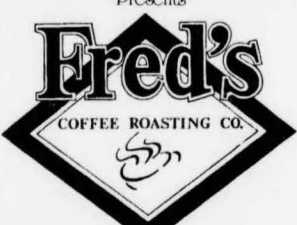
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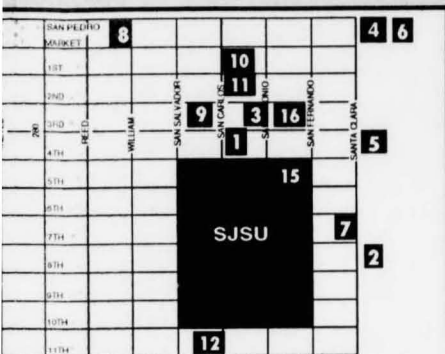
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## Muslim

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of fasting.

With the persecution of Bosnian Muslims in Europe and the World Trade Center bombing, Islam has been undergoing tremendous scrutiny in the media. Abukhdair attributes the attacks on Muslims to ignorance.

"Lack of education is very dangerous," Abukhdair said. "We cannot blame Islam and Muslims for the Trade Center incident. The man responsible was not a practicing Muslim."

"If there is good education, people will not attack Muslims." At SJSU, religious curricula fail to treat Islam with the same fairness as Judaism, Abukhdair said. "They should teach fairness," he said. Islamic people are not extremists or fanatics, he stressed.

Abukhdair came to the U.S. in 1984, chasing his dream to be an engineer.

"It was a struggle. I like to conquer the secrets of new places," he said with a wink and a smile. "Life is short, go outside to see the people."

## Vigil

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Pensacola, according to news reports. Griffin, the man allegedly responsible for the murder of Gunn, waited for Gunn at the rear entrance of the clinic and allegedly shot him after he exited his car.

Although many agree this is a tragic event, some pro-life groups are claiming this can only benefit the pro-life movement.

"Although it is wrong to kill, we have to recognize that this doctor was a mass-murderer,"

Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry said in published reports. The National Director of Rescue America said, "While Gunn's death is unfortunate, it is true that a number of babies' lives will be saved."

The vigil is planned to be fairly short, about half an hour to an hour long. A moment of silence is to be presented for Gunn.

The vigil is not a rally or protest; it is meant solely to show respect for the doctor, Fedor said.

"Is it worth killing for? It is time for us to detour from violent actions," Fedor said about abortion activism.

## Study finds no electricity, cancer link

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A utility-funded study failed to find any increase in cancer rates among power company workers exposed to strong electromagnetic fields.

The study by Southern California Edison and the University of California, Los Angeles, is the latest and among the largest to examine possible health hazards from electromagnetic fields. EMFs are invisible force fields generated by power lines, appli-

ances and anything electrical.

Several previous studies have linked the magnetic field component of EMFs to increased risks of leukemia, lymphoma and brain cancer, particularly among children living near bigger power lines and to some extent among people who work near electricity.

But the findings have been considered inconclusive, and the new study in Monday's issue of the journal *Epidemiology* is unlikely to settle the debate.

## In your face art



MATT WALLIS — SPARTAN DAILY

Yvette Morris, a junior majoring in art, admires the portraits in Gallery 8 Monday afternoon. The exhibit of paintings by Takashi Yamatatsu runs through March 19 on the third floor of the art building.

## Broadcast: 'Journalism is sacred,' says Guccione

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azine was at a point of financial difficulty and Guccione wasn't sure if he could carry on, he said. The magazine did survive and recently put out its eighth-anniversary edition.

"Somewhere along the line we found a note we played and people listened and they took it seriously," Guccione said.

Just before the magazine got on its feet, Celia Farber, who was a 21-year-old intern at the time, had an idea for doing an AIDS story. Guccione told her to take her story elsewhere because he wasn't sure that SPIN would make it.

Within three months, Farber

sent her story to every publication in New York and sent it all over the United States and not a single publication would touch it, on the grounds that the story was too controversial, Guccione said.

SPIN is now the only mainstream magazine in America that has a regular AIDS column, he said.

The magazine has tested the controversial waters with various stories including one that stated the funds made from Live Aid were used to fund the Ethiopian army, rather than feeding Ethiopians, he said.

Ethiopia is the third largest country in Africa, yet it had the largest army in Africa, he said. People knew this, but no one

wanted to say it, he said.

On Saturday Stephen Hunter Flick, who won Academy Awards in sound editing for "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Robocop," presented a production seminar on sound effects.

The future of alternative rock was one of the panels Saturday.

The panel included Mike Haloran from radio station 91X in San Diego, Steve Masters and Spud Mahan from Live 105 and Brian Boyd of the Album Network.

Steve Preminger of the Democratic Central Committee, who was also on the panel, said the Clinton administration may allow broadcasters to operate more freely than they were allowed to

in the Reagan/Bush years. During the Republican years the FCC cracked down on "offensive" broadcasting.

"I was glad to get a conference to work as successful as it did, with it not being in L.A.," Nyberg said. "There was more of a focus on the conference rather than the city."

"Putting a conference on is hell," said Pol vanRhee, KSJS general manager. He was too involved in the conference to take part of it, he said. "The worst part about it was that I didn't get to go to it."

"There were tons of people calling saying it was the best conference they have been to," vanRhee said.

## Demonstrators call for arrest of man who flagged down school bus

REDDING (AP) — Parents and abortion-rights activists urged authorities Monday to prosecute an anti-abortion protester who waved down and boarded a school bus in order to chastise students.

Ronald Walters, an anti-abortion protester who regularly pickets the Feminist Women's Health Center in Redding, flagged the high school bus down on Highway 44 in Millville last week.

After boarding the bus, Walters allegedly berated students for insulting and throwing objects at him. He then continued by lecturing the students on abortion and called them "killers" and "sinners."

On Monday, about 30 people demonstrated outside the Shasta County Sheriff's Department where they called for Walters' arrest.

"Our concern is that this gentleman has overstepped the bounds."

"He's involved children in the abortion controversy," said Eileen Choate, coordinator of the Shasta County chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Students riding the bus at the time of the incident attend three different high schools.

Sheriff's Lt. Herb Davidson said two officers interviewed students at one campus Monday, and would probably wrap up an investigation by Tuesday.



AIMEE MCKINNEY — SPARTAN DAILY

Professor Selter talks with Captain Kerns of the San Jose Fire Department about the probable cause of a minor explosion in the basement of Duncan Hall Monday. There were no injuries reported.

## Blast: Chemicals spark explosion

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dling.

Apparently something went wrong with the heating system, causing it to raise the oil temperature by about 30 degrees. The vials, which had been in the solution for six months, must have ruptured and caused the explosion, Kerns said.

The extra heat increased pressure between 200 and 400 percent.

"All of the vials were broken," Kerns said.

The vapors from the vials were ignited by a spark which was probably caused by the explosion, triggering a flash fire.

Hogue was the only person nearby when the tank erupted. He said he wasn't injured in the mishap.

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# Spartans win two of three against Rebels

BY HECTOR FLORES  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

With two out in the bottom of the ninth inning, Angelo Leber hit a game winning RBI single, driving in Tim Gavello, to propel the Spartans to a two games to one Big West series victory over UNLV Sunday at Municipal Stadium.

After the Rebels (8-10, 1-2) failed to make a threat in the top of the ninth, it appeared the game was headed for extra innings when Gerad Cawhorn hit into a double play.

But Gavello stepped up to the plate and slapped a double to center field, keeping the Spartans hopes alive. He then advanced to third on a wild pitch to set up Leber's heroics.

With the fans on their feet anticipating a Spartan victory, Leber singled down the third base line sending the Rebels back to Las Vegas with a 5-4 defeat as Gavello trotted across home plate.

The Spartans (13-6, 2-1) entered the ninth inning with their fourth pitcher of the afternoon, reliever Richard Smith. He worked three-and-two-thirds innings to pickup his second win of the season.

Starting pitcher Shane Carley had to leave the game early because he was experiencing numbness in his fingers after a line drive nailed him on his throwing hand in the first inning.

"I was hoping Shane would give us five or six (innings), plus I had to go to 'Smitty' (Richard Smith) a lot sooner than I'd like to, but it's the third game of the series and we're not saving anything," said Spartan Head Coach Sam Piraro.

"It was a dog fight."

The series didn't open quite as well as Piraro would have liked, as SJSU dropped Friday's contest 12-6. Dave Sick picked up his second loss of the season by giving up eight runs in seven innings of work.

Reliever Chris Townsend didn't fare any better as the Rebels scored four runs on four hits in the ninth inning to squander any hopes of a Spartan comeback.

"We didn't pitch very well today," Piraro said. "For (Dave) Sick, that was a substandard performance."

"We were a step slow defensively, and when you open league conference play, you have to play better than that."

SJSU, however, rebounded on Saturday with an 8-1 victory, as the surprise ace of the season, Joey Chavez (5-1), pitched a complete game. He gave up 10 hits while striking out seven batters.

Things got testy after the game when Chavez made some taunting motions to the Rebel dugout after retiring the side, prompting both benches to clear. The coaches and umpires, however, managed to contain the players from participating in any type of brawl.

The Spartans were led offensively in the series by Cawhorn, who posted a .545 batting average with two RBI. Gavello and Mike Carrigg were also successful at the plate, batting .500, while Leber led SJSU with 5 RBI.

The Spartans will face U. C. Berkeley for the second time this season today, as they travel to Berkeley for a 2 p.m. contest. In the first meeting on March 9, SJSU defeated the Bears 5-4 at Municipal Stadium.

## Long Beach looks to be a danger to other teams in NCAA tourney

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The Long Beach State 49ers just might be one of the most dangerous teams in the NCAA tournament. While they've shown they can lose to almost anybody, they've also shown that they can beat virtually anybody.

During the regular season, the 49ers losses included defeats by Virginia Commonwealth and Cal State Northridge. Their wins included a victory over Kansas, then ranked No. 1, in Lawrence.

This past weekend, Long Beach was at the top of its game, knocking off first UNLV, then New Mexico State to win the Big West tournament crown and the 49ers' first trip to the NCAA tournament in 16 years.

The tournament title came after the 49ers stumbled into the postseason with an 8-8 record down the stretch of the regular season.

"No one had much hope for these kids," Long Beach State coach Seth Greenberg said. "They had to play through adversity."

"They had to play through the joy of beating Kansas and the embarrassment

of losing to Northridge. ... This group is not always pretty, but they find a way to succeed."

The 49ers (22-9) face Illinois (18-12) on Thursday in Salt Lake City in the first round of the West Regional. Long Beach is seeded 11th in the West and Illinois is sixth.

"I think we can beat anybody in the country," Long Beach forward Byron Russell said. "If we had gotten an NIT bid, we would have forfeited."

He predicted: "We're going to be a Cinderella team."

The 49ers upset UNLV, which was ranked 19th nationally, 79-77 on Saturday on a basket by reserve center Terrance O'Kelley with six seconds remaining. Long Beach came back Sunday afternoon to down New Mexico State (ranked 24th) 70-62 behind Rod Hannibal's 18 points and six assists.

Lucious Harris, the conference's all-time leading scorer and tournament MVP, added 16 points in the win over the Aggies.

Fourth-seeded Long Beach became the lowest seed since San Jose State in

## UNLV doesn't make NCAAs

LAS VEGAS (AP) — UNLV coach Rollie Massimino says he knew his Runnin' Rebels would have a tough time making the NCAA Tournament when they lost to Long Beach State in Saturday's semifinals of the Big West Tournament.

"When we lost to Long Beach, I thought it would be very difficult" to make the 64-team NCAA field, Massimino said Sunday.

Massimino speculated earlier last week that the Rebels would have to win the Big West Tournament to make the NCAA list.

The Rebels lost in Long Beach Saturday, and again in Kansas City Sunday, when the NCAA pairings were announced.

UNLV promptly accepted a bid to the NIT and will meet USC at the Thomas & Mack Center here Wednesday night.

The Rebels have been a fixture in NCAA tournament play. During the 19-year tenure of coach Jerry Tarkanian, the Rebels were in 12 NCAA tournaments, made it to the Final Four four times, and won the national championship in 1990.

Tarkanian resigned last year amid ongoing problems over his basketball program.

Several Rebel players gathered with coaches at the Thomas & Mack Center

Sunday afternoon to watch the selection process, then filed disconsolately from the basketball arena.

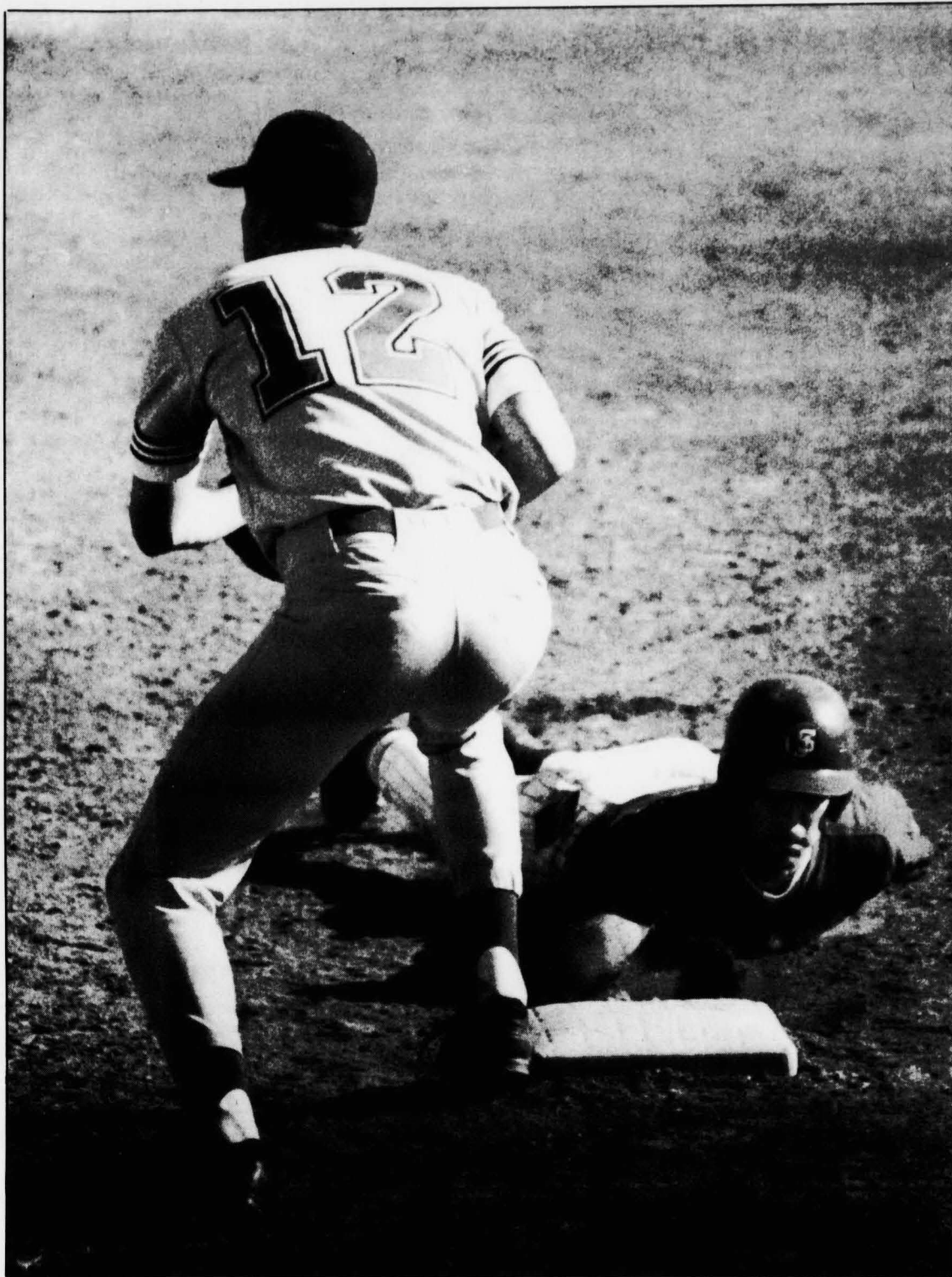
"As I said from day one, the committee makes a very honest and sincere judgment," Massimino said Sunday. "We're very disappointed, there's no question. But I said we'd be on the bubble and that's exactly what took place."

Massimino said the Rebels would accept an NIT bid if it is extended.

The Rebels' only hope for the NCAA Tournament was an at-large berth after UNLV lost to Long Beach State Saturday night in the semifinals of the Big West Conference Tournament.

The loss was their fifth in the past 10 games, and gave them a 21-7 record. UNLV was 13-1 at mid-season and considered a likely candidate to repeat as conference title holder. Instead, the Rebels lost the conference crown for the first time ever. Their six losses in the Big West is the most ever for the team that once dominated the conference.

"They were 5-5 in their last 10 games," said Tom Butters, chairman of the nine-man NCAA selection committee. "I felt they, like several schools, really had the tournament in their hands with 10 games to play, and weren't as successful as they might have been."



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The Spartans' Gerad Cawhorn dives back safely after a pick-off attempt in the seventh inning of Sunday's game against UNLV. SJSU defeated the Rebels 5-4.

## NCAA tournament is a foregone conclusion

BY JIM LITKE  
AP Sports Writer

Plenty of people will feel foolish after spending three weeks filling in those too-small NCAA tournament grids only to arrive at a result that appeared in newspapers last Nov. 27.

That was when Indiana beat Seton Hall 78-74 in New York to win the Preseason NIT championship. The Hoosiers will turn the trick again April 5 in New Orleans, this time to secure the post-season national championship. The score might even be the same. But present on the stage this time, although well in the background, will be Georgia Tech and North Carolina. ...

We're getting ahead of ourselves.

It was only Sunday that the NCAA tournament selection committee, after much scratching of its collective scalp, came up with the 64-team field. Exactly what caused the members so much discomfort isn't clear, since 30 teams from various conferences are automatic qualifiers and the committee claims to have an 84-step process that enables it to determine the 34 other worthies.

## Hanson, Sick chosen as scholar athletes by Big West Conference

BY BILL ERB  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU golf player Tracy Hanson and pitcher Dave Sick represented SJSU at the eighth annual Big West Conference's Scholar Recognition Luncheon Tuesday March 11, in Long Beach.

Sick and Hanson were chosen for their outstanding achievement in athletic competition, academics and community involvement.

They were among 21 student-athletes honored as Scholar Athletes of the Year.

Hanson, a human perfor-

like he's ready for battle. They will need at least the threat of his defensive presence — mainly as a shot-blocking threat — on a few occasions to get through the Midwest. But that's about it.

Indiana's strongest challenge figures to come from two-time defending champion Duke in the regional finals at St. Louis. Given Knight's considerable history with former disciple Mike Krzyzewski, the game will feature two teams that are mirror-images of one another — motion offense and man-to-man defense — and two coaches who could be — if you used a funhouse mirror. Knight will still like what he sees when it's over. And from there, it's just a short ride down the Mississippi River to New Orleans, where Indiana will dispose of East region winner North Carolina and then Seton Hall.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves again. To recap:

North Carolina will win the anemic East and the only person bruised will be Dean Smith. The North Carolina coach will have reached another Final Four only to be turned away again — and this year not even on the ballot for coach of the year. Again.

In the West, all the hand-

wringing about making Michigan the top seed in Arizona's backyard will turn out to have been wasted energy. Late-charging Georgia Tech will overtake whatever Michigan's collection of young roosters is calling itself these days, then crawl past Vanderbilt.

No doubt, Seton Hall will have the hardest road to the Final Four. The Hall will have to muffle Anfernee Hardaway of Memphis State and then sedate frenetic Florida State, no easy duet. Then comes Kentucky. Then goes Kentucky. Then Georgia Tech.

The scenario Knight is dreaming up, except for the trophy presentation at the end, might be very different. No matter. He's apparently been dreaming up a lot of scenarios.

As his team left the floor Sunday after beating Wisconsin 87-80 in the final Big Ten Conference game of the season, Knight stopped to talk with Wisconsin coach Stu Jackson.

"Coach Knight came over to me and said he knew the NIT was going to invite us," Jackson recalled, "so that's a reliable source."

At this time of year, there's none better.

mance major, is a three-time All-American as well as a two time National Golf Coaches Association Academic All-American.

She is also a two time Big West Player of the Year and a member of the NCAA Championship Team.

Sick, a business management major, was fourth in the league for the 1992 baseball season with a 3.38 ERA and sixth in wins with eight.

He is also a CoSIDA-GTE All-District VIII academic honoree.



# Freshman receives first scholarship for English teachers-to-be

BY LAURA KLEINMAN  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Leaving four years of close relationships with friends and teachers for a huge and strange campus can be a scary and humbling experience for some students. The Iverson family made Tammi Nelson's entrance to SJSU an easier transition.

Nelson won the 1992 Shirley Nelson Iverson Award (no relation to Tammi Nelson) in her first semester on campus last fall. The English scholarship was established by Iverson's husband and children in memory of the former high school English teacher. 1992 was the first year the scholarship was awarded.

The purpose of the award is to provide funds to "outstanding and deserving" freshman students at SJSU who intend to become secondary level English teachers, said English Department Chairman Jack Haeger.

Nelson graduated from San Lorenzo High School last year with a 4.0 GPA, an important accomplishment Nelson said she worked hard to achieve. Nelson said her English instructors in high school left such an impression on her she decided high school was the level she, too, would like to instruct.

Nelson recalled one such instructor, David Rhodes, who taught history in an advanced placement class. "I hated U.S. History until I took his class," Nelson said. "He made it so interesting, I have almost every Civil War book you could imagine."

Nelson said Rhodes would add to the curriculum by discussing the outstanding members of other cultures who influenced and added richness and diversity

*'There's always someone there to say, 'That's OK—it could happen to anyone.''*

Tammi Nelson  
Freshman majoring in English

to American history.

"If they could all be like Tammi," Rhodes said, "I'd pay the school to come and teach. Nelson had a curiosity and interest that went beyond good grades."

He said Nelson's liking for others emanated from her. "She was both outgoing and gregarious," Rhodes said.

Nelson said her English teachers are the reason she wants to become a high school English teacher herself.

High school English teacher Harriet Janetos said Nelson was willing to tackle any literary work and displayed strength in both creative and analytical writing.

In addition to her scholastic work at San Lorenzo H.S., Nelson was editor of her high school's yearbook in her junior and senior years. The yearbook took first-place awards in national competitions both years.

She also enjoyed sports, playing center position on the volleyball team throughout high school. "Volleyball takes a lot of team work, and you make a lot of close friends that way," Nelson said.

"The feeling of unity is always nice because there's always some-



Tammi Nelson, left, a freshman majoring in English, tutors her mother Diane in Portuguese. She is taking an independent studies

course in Portuguese and tutors her mother and grandmother one evening a week.

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body there to help push you up when you're feeling down," Nelson said. "There's always someone there to say, 'That's OK — it could happen to anyone.'"

Nelson said her favorite novel is "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, a story about the racial tensions experienced through the eyes of a young girl growing up in the South in the

post Civil War era, the period just after slavery was abolished.

Nelson said the idea of a boundary line between North and South and families that were torn apart with brothers fighting against brothers is what interests her in the Civil War era.

Nelson said she comes from a very close family, both physically and emotionally. "I sit there and

watch TV shows where the husband hates the mother-in-law and it's just so different from our family (where) everyone gets along," Nelson said.

Nelson's mother and grandmother are full-blooded Portuguese. Their relatives came to the United States in the late 1800s from the Portuguese island of Seale in the Azores. Because their

relatives came here so long ago, Nelson's mother and grandmother know very little of their ancestral language.

This semester, along with her English studies, Nelson is taking an independent study Portuguese class. She takes what she learns, turns around and teaches her mother and grandmother.

## Scholarship fund remembers donor

BY LAURA KLEINMAN  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Shirley Nelson Iverson Award reaches out to unsuspecting SJSU-bound English students much the same way Shirley Iverson reached out to public high school English students for three decades.

"She had a tremendous feeling for English literature and the idea of being able to learn through reading," Iverson's husband said.

Iverson graduated with her bachelor's degree from SJSU in 1952, earning her teaching credential in secondary education shortly after.

She began teaching English to public high school students in 1953 at Armijo Union High School District in Fairfield. After earning her master's degree from California State University, Northridge, Iverson went on to teach in Pennsylvania and Mississippi before returning to California in 1977 where she continued to share her love for literature with students until her retirement in 1985.

When she passed away in 1991, Iverson's husband, Jackson, and her two sons, Marc and Andrew, made sure her love for the literary arts would continue to reach public high school students by setting up a self-sustaining scholarship to assist SJSU freshman English students with fees.

Iverson's husband and two sons researched existing scholarships before they approached SJSU English Department Chairman Jack Haeger.

The money donated by the Iversons is a developing fund, Haeger said.

The principle amount earns interest, Haeger said. The interest earned on the principle amount is awarded each year.

Once the interest sum has exceeded the recipient's freshman-year fees, any remaining amount will be awarded to a second recipient and so on, Haeger said.

In addition, the Iverson family continues to add to the principle, increasing the amount of money that will earn interest, Haeger said.

When Iverson was first diagnosed with a terminal condition, her doctors told her she had only three months to live. Her husband's refusal to accept the diagnosis as final resulted in his career move from an electrical engineer to a biomedical engineer, and Iverson's life expectancy extended from three months to three-and-a-half years.

The extension of time allowed Iverson to share in the publication of her eldest son's first novel, the release of the first software program managed by her youngest son and the birth of her first grandchild.

Iverson's son said his mother helped him edit and title his first novel, "Persian Horse." Competition in the field made publication very difficult, he said.

"It was like a dream to her," Iverson's son said. "She was just thrilled."

Iverson's youngest son, Andrew, majored in film production at USC. He began writing screenplays



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Shirley Nelson Iverson

before his career evolved into software engineering.

Iverson lived to see the release of an educational software program her youngest son managed for a private software company. The "The Miracle Piano" teaches children how to play the piano through a computer simulation.

Iverson began reading to her two sons as soon as they could comprehend and introduced classic novels such as "Robin Hood," "Ivanhoe" and "Treasure Island" as soon as they could read for themselves, Iverson's eldest son said.

By establishing the scholarship fund, Iverson's family has allowed Iverson's influence to carry on in perpetuity.

This year's recipient, Tammi Nelson, had no idea she'd won the first Shirley Nelson Iverson award until she received the letter accompanied by the scholarship money in the mail.

That's exactly how Iverson's husband and sons intended the scholarship to work. Iverson's husband wanted to make sure ethnicity, financial status, age or applications had no bearing on the selection process.

The criteria for the Iverson Award are simple — a 3.2 GPA or higher and the desire to teach English to secondary students at public schools.

Iverson's husband said he knew SJSU English major Tammi Nelson was the perfect choice for the award when he received Nelson's thank you note.

"The way it was written and worded, we knew we chose the right person," he said.

## Sigma Chi's Derby Days to raise money for charities

SJSU chapter sponsors a week of student celebrations, contests, music

BY ALLAN HOVLAND  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Let the games begin! What do hat thieves, egg tosses and a fashion show have in common?

They're all part of Derby Days 1993, a week-long collection of events designed to raise money for charity. Derby Days is an event celebrated by Sigma Chi chapters nationwide.

The program raises money by soliciting donations from local businesses. Each fraternity member is charged with this task.

"We have about 60 sponsors this year," said Ki Hong, a member of Sigma Chi and marketing director for the Associated Students Program Board.

The money donated by the sponsors is given to the Santa Clara Children's Shelter and the Children's Miracle Network.

The Derby Days events, which first started in 1916 at University of California at Berkeley, are open to all sorority members at SJSU.

The festivities began Monday with the banner contest. The banners were made by members of each sorority on campus and judged by a panel of Sigma Chi members.

Hong said the banners reflect this year's Derby Days theme: A Classic Tradition. The banners are displayed on the houses of the participating sororities.

The opening ceremonies were held last night at Toons, a piano bar in downtown San

Jose. Upon entering the bar, patrons received a booklet containing a history of Derby Days and a list of its sponsors.

Today at noon on Tower Lawn, the Derby Chase will begin. The Chase is a giant game of tag in which members of sororities attempt to steal derby hats worn by fraternity members.

Hong said there are usually a few hundred women trying to get hats from 40 or 50 men. "These (women) don't play around!" Hong said. "They'll get a group of 50 or 60 together and tackle one guy."

The sororities rack up points by swiping the hats.

### Chasing the egg

Following the Chase is the Derby Olympics at 8 p.m. The "Olympics" is a party held at the Sigma Chi house with events including pie throwing, chicken fighting and egg tossing. Hong explained what chicken fighting is.

Each team is comprised of two people. An egg is taped to a Sigma Chi's forehead, and a sorority member sits on his shoulders. She has a rolled up newspaper and attempts to break the egg on her opponent's head.

The field events will be held at Quirk's Meadow, the area behind the pool and next to Joe West Hall, at noon Wednesday.

Hong said about 50 junior high school-age children from the Santa Clara Children's Shelter will visit SJSU to participate.

"We'll have face painting and three-legged races," Hong said. "It's a good excuse for the kids to come out. It's a (chance) for the kids to get out of their daily program."

At 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sigma Chi is having its St. Patrick's Day celebration. Featured at the party is Silent Footsteps, a local band. The party is at the Sigma Chi house.

### Puttin' on the skits

On Thursday, the All-Sorority Skit Show will be held in the Student Union Ballroom. The sororities will perform skits incorporating the Derby Days theme.

They will be judged on participation, entertainment value and effective use of the theme. Hong said the sororities will use intricate backdrops and costumes for their skits.

The last feature of Derby Days is the Marithé and Francois Girbaud fashion show in the SU Amphitheater at noon (the Umunhum room if it rains).

Auditions will be held Wednesday for student models. Fifteen men and 15 women will be chosen to model the clothes in Friday's show. Hong said no modeling experience is required.

Derby Days will go out with a bang Friday night with another party at the Sigma Chi house. The party is open to all students and will feature local reggae band Tony Miles and One World.

## 'CB4' debuts in first place, 'Fire in the Sky' comes in close second

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The rap music spoof "CB4" took first place at the box office in its debut weekend, edging out another new film, the alien-abduction drama "Fire in the Sky."

Overall, weekend business was down because of the huge East Coast storm, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which released box-office figures Monday.

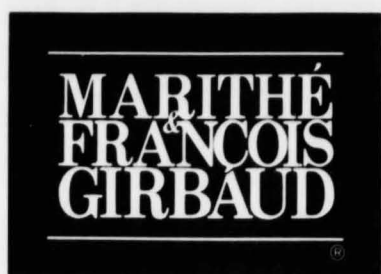
"CB4" took in \$6.12 million, just shading the \$6.11 million gross of "Fire in the Sky," Exhibitor Relations said. Last week's No. 1 film, "Falling Down," fell to third on sales of \$4.1 million.

"Groundhog Day" made \$3.6 million for fourth place and the new elephant adventure story "A Far Off Place" took in \$3.5 million for fifth place.









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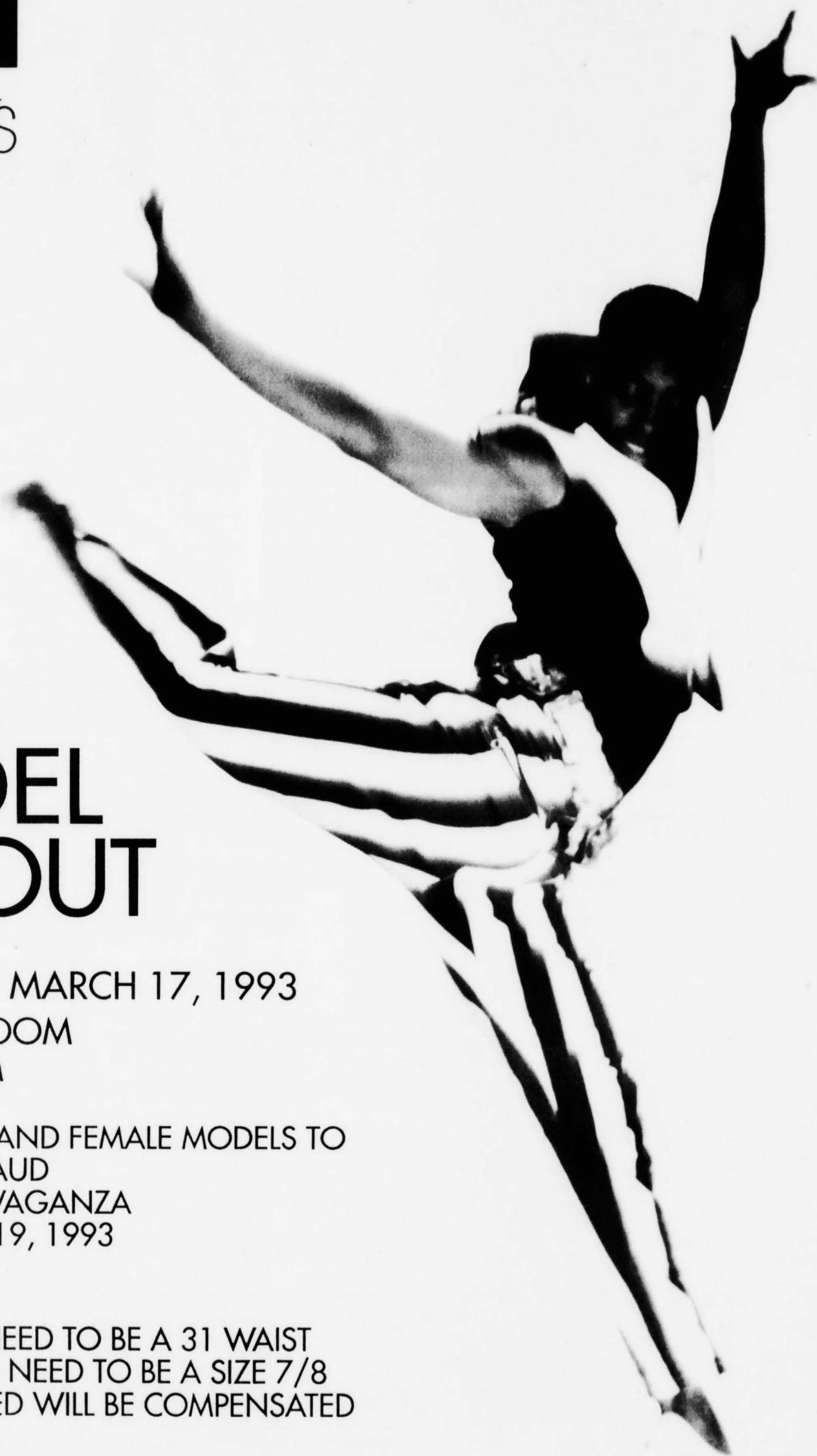
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# ELECTIONS



## Board of Directors seeks student input

BY MINERVA PANILIO  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

If you want to voice your opinion on campus issues, the Spartan Daily is not your only venue; you can also attend the Associated Students Board of Directors meeting.

Every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Student Union Council Chambers, the Board of Directors welcomes all students to sit in on their meeting and voice their concerns.

One of the board's objectives is to reach students and get their feedback, said Rooftop Bhure, director of communications.

According to Liberty Miller, the director of personnel, sometimes few students attend the meetings.

Last week, though, many students showed up to discuss the \$25 fee for the Writing Skills Test, which recently became mandatory for upper-division general education courses.

Listening to students' concerns is just one of the many duties the board has.

The board makes up the legislative branch of A.S. and consists of 13 directors. Students will vote for all 13 members of the Board of Directors during the elections on Wednesday and Thursday.

"Each (member of the) Board of Directors is in charge of different aspects of college students' lives," said Ann Truong, the A.S. director of business affairs. "Each tries to represent the differ-

ent types of people on campus and what their concerns are."

*Students will vote for all 13 members of the Board of Directors... on Wednesday and Thursday.*

The Board of Directors is the policy-making body of

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## Money, policy matters lie in executive branch

BY LAURA KLEINMAN  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The executive branch of the Associated Students government consists of a president, vice president and controller. These positions are responsible for fiscal matters, policies and student representation.

As the chief executive officer, the president is responsible for all legislation and the coordination of the

association committees. He or she will carry all legislation to completion, make appointments as required by the A.S. Constitution and submit the budget for the following fiscal year. The president will also help the vice president plan and implement the internship program for the incoming Board of Directors members and executive officers.

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## Senators represent students

BY PAUL WOTEL  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Who denied me my rebate? Who is going to ensure gender equity in sports?

The Academic Senate; that's who.

The conglomerate of faculty, staff and students is the policy-making body of the SJSU campus.

There are six students who sit (and most often

stand) on the senate to ensure that the interests of the student body are addressed.

Academic senator Blair Whitney promoted a rebate policy for parking permits devalued by this semester's temporary closure of the Seventh Street Garage, but it was eventually voted down.

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## Involvement key to Whitney

BY PAUL WOTEL  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

As the college career lengthens in these times of economic hardship, the need to get involved is even greater. Four to six years is a significant time to spend within a community.

"Involvement makes you a better student," said Blair Whitney, A.S. presidential candidate.

Whitney says he is student-oriented. From fighting for parking rebates as an academic senator to battling bookstore prices as a member of the Alliance for Responsible Government, the San Jose-born political science major has tried to lessen the financial burden his fellow students endure.

Textbook prices, transit rebates, San Carlos closure and student government reform are Whitney's priorities.

"I want a rebate or a co-op program, similar to the one at Stanford, to be enacted here at San Jose State," Whitney said. "(The bookstore) is raking in the dough to fund faculty dining facilities and discounts."

"I want the faculty and students to study the store's pricing scheme and profit mar-

gin," Whitney said.

As students' wallets get thinner and the dollar loses its elasticity, the candidate wants to discount facilities frequented by SJSU men and women.

"I want to negotiate with the transit agency to enact a trial period where prices to students would be reduced," Whitney explained. "Perhaps students will be able to ride the buses or light rail with only a student I.D. all semester, much like the program in effect at Sacramento State."

"With the economy slowing, businesses are eager for patrons," Whitney said. "With 28,000 students, (SJSU) has a lot to offer local enterprise."

From movies to munchies, these discounts require an effective student government, said the presidential candidate. That is why Whitney wants internal reform.

"Half of my prospective job is to support the efforts of the directors while the other half is to create a collective focus," Whitney explained. "I want to have some workshops to make sure (the team) works."

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## Withdrawal leaves one choice for chief

BY LAURA KLEINMAN  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

With only six days left before Associated Students elections, presidential candidate Dwayne Alvin Hearn withdrew from the race Friday, citing undisclosed health reasons.

The unexpected announcement means that the only other A.S. presidential candidate, Blair Whitney, will run unopposed.

"I'm not overjoyed," Whitney said, in regards to the lack of choice SJSU students will have in electing a new A.S. president. "I'll campaign against apathy if not an opponent," Whitney said.

Students seeking office were required to submit their applications to the A.S. Election Board March 3 during an orientation meeting in the Student Union. Hearn and Whitney were the only applicants for the position of A.S. President.

Elections will be held Wednesday and Thursday.



## Executive candidate platforms

### Blair Whitney Candidate for president

The Associated Students is the representative body for the students of San Jose State University. Representation starts with student leaders committed to serving and representing all of the students. With over three years of involvement on campus, I have the experience and the working knowledge of both the Associated Students and the University Administration that will allow me to be an effective student advocate.

Responsible student government needs to be founded upon the principles of participation, and accountability. The Associated Students needs to work more interactively with the student body.

To determine the true needs and interests of the students, direct surveys should be sent out to a large

percentage of the student population.

Responsiveness does not, however, begin and end with a survey. Associated Students' leaders must actively work with students throughout the campus, seeking input, and supporting the activities of student organizations.

In addition to being a student advocate, A.S. leaders need to be managers. The Associated Students fee of \$18 per semester is collected from all students when they pay for classes, and combines into an annual budget of over one million dollars. Those funds are used by the Associated Students to provide services to students. Some current services operated by the A.S. include the Program Board (Wednesday Night Cinema, Fountain Blues Festival), Intramurals, A.S. Business Office (Transit Passes, Check Cashing, Club Accounts), A.S. Print Shop



Blair Whitney

and A.S. Graphic Center. These are services that students can directly benefit from. With my experience on the A.S. Budget committee, I have the knowledge to oversee these diverse programs.

Student government can work

more for the students in the services it offers. For night students, the Business Office should be open later than the current 4:30 p.m. closing time. For students in general, the services offered need to be better advertised. New services, such as a student travel desk, and credit counseling for students could be added. The Associated Students can do more for all students by securing more SJSU student discounts around the county, and packaging them together as a Spartan Discount program.

This election offers students the chance to both choose their representatives for next year, and to take a stand on the issue of textbook prices. The textbook initiative gives students a chance to fight the runaway prices on our mandatory textbooks.

Take the time to vote, and make a difference this election.



Venkat Memula

### Venkat Memula Candidate for vice president

Major: Computer Engineering  
Year: Senior

My name is Venkat Memula, and I am the sole candidate for the Associated Students Vice-Presidency. I have served on several committees including the A.S. Budget Committee and the Instructional Related Activities Advisory Committee. I have held positions in the A.S. government structure from office assistant to the A.S. President's Executive Assistant.

It was this experience that gave me a working knowledge of the Associated Students, the University and the CSU System.

I have served on the National Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee of Children's International Summer Villages during the past three years, as the youth representative.

That experience gave me the opportunity to work with different people and cultures worldwide. I feel that will help me work with the different cultures here at San Jose State.

My main goal will be to increase the visibility of Associated Students

through various channels such as the Spartan Daily, campus mailings and bulletin board postings. With increased awareness, the next step will be increased participation in fighting for student issues, such as the textbook price investigation. For Associated Students to be successful, it will need your help. You can help A.S. by serving on committees, helping us obtain signatures for petition drives, coming to the rallies or by dropping a note at the office and letting us know what concerns you have and what actions need to be taken.

Make a difference and vote March 17 and 18.

### Can Duy Phan Candidate for controller

Experience: Former treasurer with Vietnamese Community Groups. Knowledgeable about state and federal financial process, founder and former vice president of Vietnamese Student Association, familiar with Associated Students from involvement on campus.

Re-entry student with life experience in finance and leadership.

My goals as controller:

A.S. Financial Officer

• Accountability to students

• Make A.S. business public

• Responsible fund management

Chair of Special Allocations

• Improve process for students

• Faster and easier to apply

• Make all organizations aware of opportunity to receive funding

Student Representative in General

• Vocal advocate of students

• More services for students



Can Duy Phan

• Bring Washington Square Federal Credit Union onto campus

• Longer hours at Business Office to serve evening students

• Better service in A.S. programs

• Teamwork approach, support student issues throughout campus by supporting other members of A.S.

### James De La Cruz Candidate for controller

I transferred from Gavilan College with an A.S. degree in business with a 3.49 G.P.A. At Gavilan, I was the vice president of the Associated Student Body, the Chief Financial Officer, Chairperson of the Budget Committee, Director of Business Affairs, and Director of the Economic Department. My experience with committees are as follows: Serving on the A.S. Budget Committee at San Jose State, served on the Academic, Women's History Month, Bylaws, Finance and Student Union committees at Gavilan. Clubs that I joined are the Environmental Club, vice-president of MEChA, and the Breakfast Club. I attended leadership workshops and conferences to enhance my leadership qualities to better serve the students.

If elected, I plan to utilize, both



James De La Cruz

with my experience and educational background, the office of the controller to better serve the students. I will be accounted to the students of San Jose State. My main objective is to make sure that student funds are allocated efficiently for the benefit of the students.



## Director candidate statements

### □ Kevin Call

Office: Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Kevin Call has been attending San Jose State University for five semesters. He is majoring in history and political science. Kevin is also currently a resident advisor in Joe West Hall and has just been appointed Director of Students Rights and Responsibilities for the spring semester.

### □ Ted R. Comerford

Age: 27

Class: Senior

English Major

Co-President — Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance

President — Alternative Lifestyles Political Action Coalition

Chapter Advisor — Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity

A.S. Vice President — Santa Monica College

Past president — Sigma Nu Fraternity — CSUN

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I am committed to empowering students to take a more active role in their education. Without student input the Academic Senate cannot make informed decisions or recommendations.

We continue to be taxed by the legislature. The state budget is being balanced on the backs of students. Until we stand up and fight, we will continue to be taxed, and taxed again. It is time to stand up and be counted, time to voice our concerns. I will give us that voice.

### □ Duncan Egan

Office: Environmental Affairs

I am currently a senior in the Environmental Studies program here at SJSU. I decided to run the position of Director of Environmental Affairs because I feel there are many ideas and concerns in the environmental field that need to be expressed in our student government. I plan to help organize and implement such programs as recycling, carpooling as well as updating the 1990 campus audit. The need for a strong voice and environmentally conscious representative is imperative to establish SJSU as an environmentally aware campus and for us to continue the programs that have already been established. I look forward to the challenge of representing you.

### □ Sharon Jennings

Outspoken Sharon Jennings is running for the position of Director of Communications. Sharon is the producer of the public affairs show "Sound Bytes" on KSJS and assistant coordinator to the NACB Conference that was hosted this weekend by KSJS. Sharon, an RTVF major/PR minor voices herself Fridays on KSJS airwaves 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### □ Michael Krisman

My name is Michael Krisman. I am a 23-year-old, active, public administration major running for the Director of California State Affairs. Outside of school I work as an EMT, reserve firefighter and as a representative on the department's Health and Safety Committee. Together let's strengthen the CSU system.

### □ John Latimer

Office: Academic Senate

Major: Political Science, Junior

Age: 25

My name is John Latimer. I'm 25 years old and a junior majoring in political science. I've attended SJSU since August, 1992, and was appointed to the Academic Senate last January to fill a graduating senior's seat. Prior to arriving in the Bay Area, I was a full-time representative for a San Diego City Council member and attended classes at Mesa Junior College. I was also active on local campaigns.

POSITION APPLYING FOR: Director of Personnel

### □ Monica Lun

AGE: 20 years old

YEAR: Junior

MAJOR: Accounting and advertising

My name is Monica Lun and I'm twenty years old. I'm from Newark, California and I'm currently a junior with plans on majoring in both advertising and accounting. I've been the secretary for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. for the last two terms. I'm also the Panhellenic delegate for my sorority. I'm an active member of the African Greek Show Council and

assistant Girl Scout troop leader. I'm running for Director of Personnel in the A.S. election so that more of the students voices may be heard, but also to help with the student government anyway possible.

People are always saying if you want change you have to take part. Well that is my intention. To take part in the government and try to make all sides of an issue known before a decision is made.

### □ Robin Merritt

POSITION APPLIED FOR: A.S. Director of Personnel

DEGREE HELD: B.S. Business Administration Management Concentration/minor in communications

CURRENT WORK: Pursuing M.A. and P.P.S. Credential in Educational Counseling.

COMMUNITY WORK/INVOLVEMENT: Board Member, Youth Line Member — STA and ACA.

INTERNSHIP: Counselor for Educational and Career Center at Middle School; Program developer.

Robin Merritt currently holds a B.S. in Business Management with a minor in communications and is pursuing an M.A. and P.P.S. credential in educational counseling. Merritt has worked as a placement counselor, currently conducts workshops for an educational and career development center and is a board member for a youth line.

### □ Mahmood Nadeem

Born in India, received graduate degree in geology from Osmania University (1987), Hyderabad, India. Came to USA for graduate degree in geology at University of Texas at Dallas. Worked as research assistant and served as senator 1991-92 at U.T.D. Transferred to geology department of SJSU last fall 1992. Also working as a teaching assistant at geology department. Besides I am a member of Geology Club and Association of Engineering Geologists. Hobbies include basketball, swimming, reading and group discussions.

### □ Nicole Padellan

Senior, Marketing

23 years old

I was born and raised in New York City. I have a two-and-a-half-year-old son. I have worked in the Spartan Bookstore computer department since 1991. I am very interested in doing positive things that can help make this world a better place to live.

Being a mother has changed my perspective of the world. Where I once received the world with a blasé attitude; I now see the many problems in it much clearer. By getting involved and caring about the community I live in, this will hopefully be a good start. Racial tensions are prevalent everywhere you turn. We need to seriously address these feelings and make a conscious effort to change them.

### □ Joel Perez,

Candidate for Ethnic Affairs

Currently a junior majoring in radio, television, and film. I am an active member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the director of political affairs of the Akbayan Club, and the representative of the Asian Pacific Islander Student Union. Objective is to integrate a multi-cultural environment, where race is not the issue, but equality is.

### □ Alexis Scott

I am a resident of Oakland, a junior here at SJSU and I also live on campus in Spartan Village. My major is English and I will be graduating next May and going on to pursue a D. Ed. at either U.C.L.A., Cornell or Howard University. I want to be an English professor, write fiction in my spare time and before I retire become head of the English department. I work in Clark Library. I have never participated in student government before, but it seems interesting and challenging and that is what I welcome. As a member of this campus community I know there are a few things that need to be changed and that is what my goal is, to make things better, to make a difference. I want to make a change for the better.

### □ Andrea Wagner,

Office: Director of Cal State Affairs

Andrea Wagner, a sophomore at SJSU, majors in political science with a minor in dance. She is currently a resident advisor in Joe West Hall, where she works and interacts with the diverse population in the residence halls. Andrea also serves as the chairperson for H.O.P.E., the residence halls' environmental organization.



## Directors: Listening to students

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the A.S. It approves appointments of all A.S. executive officers and members of committees. It also delegates specific authority to the executive branch and committees. The A.S. budget is not approved until it goes through the hands of the board and no clubs or organizations receive money from A.S. unless the Board of Directors authorizes it.

The central representative for MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan), Anabel Ibanez, said the board was helpful when she asked them for money to help fund their Raza Day event March 24. The group

requested \$7,800 and received \$4,000, according to Ibanez.

"We got a lot of support from the directors," Ibanez said. "We were happy with the amount of money we received."

Another part of the board's duty is to pass resolutions. Two resolutions it has passed recently say women's athletics should be treated equally with men's programs and that the Educational Opportunity Program should not be cut from the state's budget. Once the board passes a resolution, it is sent to Sacramento so the Governor will know how it feels about the subject.

Miller said that just because someone doesn't have experience in student government doesn't mean they can't do the job.

"I'm a big believer in learning your position," Miller said.

"Someone who's willing to work hard and believes in what they're doing could do the job."

Bhure said the qualities a board member needs are "motivation, resilience, an open mind, and interpersonal skills."

"Someone on the board has to be a team player," Truong said. "Everyone has to work together and unite. You also have to be patient and a good listener."

## Executives

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The vice president chairs the board of directors.

He or she is the liaison between the legislative and executive branches, fills in for the president when absent, keeps a record of the A.S. bylaws and legislation and oversees the internship program for incoming board members and

executive officers.

The controller is the chief financial officer and administers the financial affairs of the A.S.

He or she executes all fiscal legislation passed, submits weekly general fund reports to the Board of Directors and publicizes financial reports to the general student body semiannually.

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Associated  
Students Elections  
Wednesday and Thursday**

## Senate

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However, the six students have been successful at passing resolutions through the senate, Whitney said.

The two-year terms are staggered, with three students elected each spring to voice the concerns of the

student body, serve on senate-appointed committees and support resolutions to improve campus life.

On Wednesday and Thursday, three students will be elected to work with faculty on the policies that affect the institution.

## Whitney

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"The whole election process itself needs to be reformed," Whitney said, suggesting staggered elections, more continuity and better access for students interested in running for office.

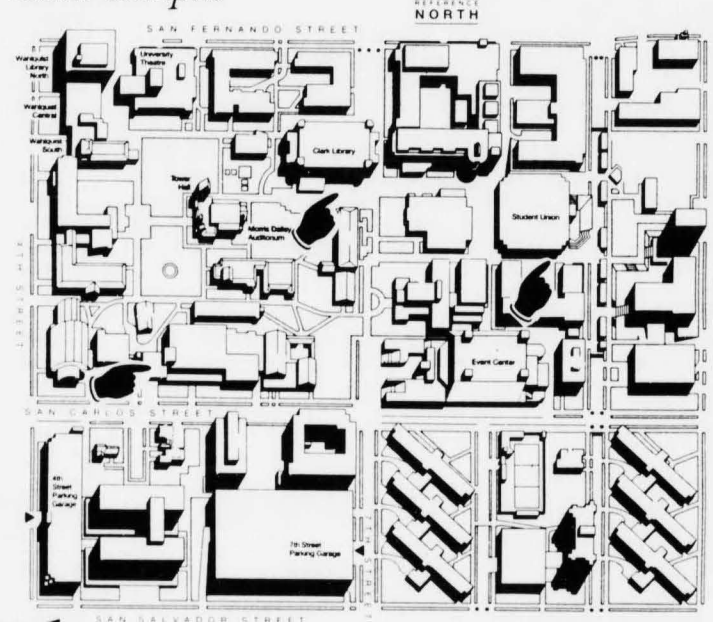
A lobbying trip to Sacramento led Whitney to

change his educational focus from English to political science.

"I went up to (Sacramento) and I found a surplus of educational material," Whitney said. "It was a quick awakening."

Since then, Whitney has served as an A.S. Director, an academic senator and union board chair.

### Main Campus



### Where to vote:

- ☛ In front of Student Union
- ☛ In front of Clark Library
- ☛ Breezeway between Men's and Women's SPX

### Voting hours:

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday  
and Thursday